GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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INCLUSION OF CHIK CASTE IN SC/ST
VISHNU DEO SAI

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of castes in Chhattisgarh which are proposed to be included in the list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) the date on which the State Government has sent the proposal to include the `Chik` caste into the said list;

(c) the dates on which the meetings of the Committee constituted for this purpose have been held; and

(d) the details of the action being taken to get the report of the Committee soon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) to (d) Government of Chhattisgarh has sent one proposal for inclusion of `Mahara` as synonymof `Mahar` in the list of Scheduled Castes. No proposal has been received from Government of Chhattisgarh for inclusion of `Chik` caste. The proposals for modification in the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes lists for different States and UnionTerritories are being processed as per approved modalities in consultation with the concerned State Governments, Registrar General of India and National Commission forScheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. As this process involves consultation with variousagencies, it is not possible to assign any time limit for disposal of the proposals.